High Courts allowing use of Hindi or Regional Language

*414 SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the names of the High Courts in which work is also carried out in Hindi or in regional languages?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Hindi, in addition to English, is used in the High Courts of the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Hindi or regional languages are not used in the High Courts of other States.

Setting upof a Satellite, tracking facility at Bangalore

*415. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Space is setting up a new facility at Bangalore for tracking satellites;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the likely cost of this project and what are the special tracking, telemetry and command facilities being planned at this station; and

(d) in what manner the new tracking station is likely to help accelerate the launching of ASLV, PSLV and the Indian Space programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Telemetry, Tracking and Command (TTC) station for receiving house keeping data and tracking and commanding low earth orbiting satellites is being established at Bangalore. The TTC station will consist of necessary equipment to receive, record and process data for monitoring the health of the satellite, accurate determination of the location of the satellite and for sending commands to the satellite. The total cost of the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) facilities being established at Bangalore is about Rs. 9.85 crores.

(d) This new TTC facility is not meant for accelerating launching of ASLV or PSLV. It is a general facility planned for tracking and controlling all the low earth orbiting satellite missions of the future including IRS series of satellites just as the Master Control Facility at Hassan is dedicated to the tracking and commanding of all geostationary satellites like INSAT.

Posting of husband and wife at the same station

*416. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training) had some time back issued a circular to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India regarding the posting of husband and wife at the same station;

(b) whether it is a fact that the provisions contained in this circular are not being implemented by many Government Departments viz. Central Water Commission, Union Public Service Commission, etc., and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the provisions contained in this circular are implemented in full?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Guidelines have been issued regarding posting of spouses at the same station in respect of

employees of Central Government and Central Public Undertakings subject to fulfilment of certain administrative requirements.

(b) and (c) The requests for posting of husband and wife at the same station are considered by competent authorities in each Ministry|Department in accordance with the above guidelines. If instances of violations of the guidelines are brought to the notice of the Department of Personnel & Training they will be taken up with the concerned Ministry|Department.

Request of Madhya Pradesh Government for allocation of funds for irrigation projects

*417. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have approached the Central Government for allocation of funds for completion of small and medium irrigation projects in that State;

(b) if so, what are the deails in this regard;

(c) whether the said request has since been examined; and

(d) if so, what has been the outcome thereof and by when the financial assistance requested for is likely to be given to Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Protection of Medicinal plants

*418. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Botanical Survey of India has identified about twenty medicinal plants which are facing extinction, as reported in the Financial Express of 12th June, 1986; if so, what are the details of Government's plans to protect these plants;

(b) whether the situation has improved since the initiation of measures in this regard; and

(c) whether the Botanical Survey of India has made any concrete suggestions to protect such plants; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) to (c) The Botanical Survey of India is cultivating rare plants of medicinal importance in their Botanic Garden at Calcutta and Experimental Gardens located at different parts of India, in order to evolve methodologies for their propagation, multiplication, acclimatization and suitability for large scale cultivation. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Organisations under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are also engaged in scientific propagation of medicinal plants. Trade and Commerce in endangered plants are not permitted under the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

The Government of Meghalaya State has taken action on the recommendations of the Botanical Survey of India, and declared *Nepenthes Khasiana*, habitats, being botanically, biologically and medicinally important and being over-exploited, as "Protected areas" to preserve the plants *in-situ*.

Failure of Scientific Pool Scheme in the CSIR

*419. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to press report which